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NOVEMBER 11 AT 5:22 PM

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How Fetterman Won (w/ Joe Calvello)

This is episode is a little different. Listeners know that Matt and Sam have been following John Fetterman's run for the U.S. Senate in Penn

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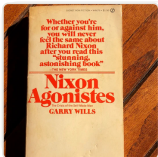
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The Red Ripple (Midterm Debrief)

Matt and Sam give you the straight dope on what happened on Tuesday. Full pundit mode activated.

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NOVEMBER 6 AT 12:35 PM

Nixon Agonistes

"What is best and weakest in America goes out to reciprocating strength and deficiencies in Richard Nixon." It's difficult to think of a more electric meeting of author and subject than Garry Wills and Richard Nixon, a meeting that produced what might be the best book ever written about American politics, Wills's *Nixon Agonistes: The Crisis of the Self-Made Man*. What begins as reporting from the campaign trail during the 1968 presidential contest—where Wills introduces us to Nixon, George Wallace, Nelson Rockefeller, and more—eventually becomes a profound meditation on the fate of liberalism in the United States. Wills found in Nixon the key to unlocking the

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State of the States (w/ Aaron Kleinman)

Sam talked to Aaron Kleinman of The States Project (aka @BobbyBigWheel) about the battle to defend American democracy at the state level.

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OCTOBER 17 AT 2:50 PM

Why Conservatives Love Baseball (w/ David Roth)

At long last, an episode about baseball—America's national pastime, and a sport that conservatives in the United States seem to especially love. To understand baseball's appeal, both to conservatives and the rest of us, Matt and Sam are joined by David Roth of [Defector Media](#), a brilliant, funny writer who also is a long suffering Mets fan. Topics include: the start of the MLB playoffs, baseball's interesting place in American history, varieties of conservative baseball fans, and more!

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Giorgia Meloni's Neo-Fascism (w/ David Broder)

Sam is joined by David Broder to discuss the recent victory of neo-fascist Giorgia Meloni in Italian general elections.

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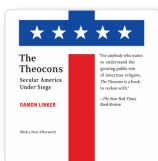
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I Taught the Sheriff (w/ John Ganz)

John Ganz joins Matt and Sam for a characteristically spirited discussion of The Claremont Institute's "Sheriff Fellowship."

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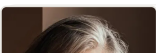
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After the Theocons (w/ Damon Linker)

Damon Linker is an idiosyncratic figure among political writers—trained by Straussians as a political philosopher, he's a former editor of First Things, the flagship publication for intellectual religious conservatives, who broke with that publication over the Iraq War (among other things) and is now a self-described centrist. He's also a longtime friend of the podcast, who recently started his own attempt to grapple with what's happening in the GOP and among conservatives, a Substack newsletter he titled [Eyes on the Right](#).

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SEPTEMBER 12 AT 2:34 PM

On Barbara Ehrenreich (w/ Alex Press & Gabriel Winant)

This episode was unplanned, but when Barbara Ehrenreich died on September 1, 2022, we felt an urge to honor her memory and the profound influence she has had on the American left, socialism, feminism, and our collective thinking about class struggle. From her work in the women's health movement of the 1960s, to her theorizing (with ex-husband John Ehrenreich) of the "professional-managerial class" in the 1970s, to her explorations of Reagan-era yuppie pathologies, and her renowned exposé of low-wage work in 2001's *Nickel and Dimed*.

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A Low, Dishonest Decade: The Right in the 1990s (w/ Nicole Hemmer)

In this episode, historian Nicole Hemmer returns to the show to discuss her new book, *Partisans*, about the ascendancy of an angrier, more ra

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